# UNGARETTI a HARRIS



STEPHEN H. ARMSTRONG 312.977.4479 <a href="mailto:sharmstrong@uhlaw.com">sharmstrong@uhlaw.com</a>

July 3, 2007

### <u>VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND</u> <u>MESSENGER DELIVERY</u>

Peter M. Felitti Assistant Regional Counsel US EPA – Region 5 Mail Code: C-14J 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604-3590

Re: The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company

Access Agreements for Settlement Agreement Sites

<u>Update and Request for Additional Response Period</u>

Dear Peter:

On behalf of The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company ("Peoples Gas"), I write in regard to the recent Administrative Settlement Agreements and Orders on Consent ("Settlement Agreements") entered into between USEPA and Peoples Gas and Peoples Gas' obligation thereunder to use its best efforts to obtain access agreements with site owners. This letter will provide you with an update regarding the status of our communications and negotiations with site owners. Further, we request additional time to continue our negotiations with owners.

Between June 6, 2007 and June 12, 2007, we provided notice and proposed Access Agreements to 32 owners of properties located partially or wholly within the former Peoples Gas sites subject to the Settlement Agreements. As of this date, we have received written and/or verbal comments from 9 of those owners. Based on conversations with other owners and/or their legal counsel, we anticipate an additional 13 responses to follow in the near future. Regarding the 10 owners that have not yet responded, we will be forwarding additional notice letters to them this week.

We expect that it will require a couple of additional weeks to collect the remaining comments and then additional time to prepare responses to those comments and make any appropriate revisions to the Access Agreement. Accordingly, we request an additional 30 days in which to collect and respond to owner comments.

UNGARETTI & HARRIS ILIP

#### CHICAGO

3500 Three First National Plaza Chicago, Illinois 60602.4283 Telephone: 312.977.4400 Fax: 312.977.4405

#### WASHINGTON

1500 K Street, N.W., Suite 250 Washington, D.C. 20005,1714 Telephone: 202.639,7500 Fax: 202.639,7505

#### SPRINGFIELD

400 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 1200 Springfield, Illinois 62701.1053 Telephone: 217.544.7000 Fax: 217.544.7950

www.uhlaw.com

## UNGARETTI 8 HARRIS

Mr. Peter M. Felitti July 3, 2007 Page 2

Please contact me at your earliest convenience to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding this request. We look forward to your response. Thank you.

Sincerely

Stephen H. Armstrong

SHA/bab

cc: Jon P. Sanders (w/o enclosures)